GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY OFFICERS OF AIR DD IN THE NAM CONFERENCE
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of officers from All India Radio, Doordarshan and Prasar Bharati have attended the NAM Conference held in USA during April, 2008;

(b) if so, the name and designation of such officers alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether correspondents of Doordarshan and All India Radio have not accompanied the delegation to cover the event;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of foreign tours undertaken by the officers of Prasar Bharti, AIR and Doordarshan since 1st January, 2007 alongwith the name of officers, expenditure incurred and purpose of such visits abroad?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Shri B.S. Lalli, Chief Executive Officer, Prasar Bharati and Shri A.K. Bhatnagar Chief Engineer, All India Radio have attended the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) Conference and not NAM Conference held in USA during April, 2008. Prasar Bharati have informed that the amount of total expenditure incurred was Rs. 7.00 lakh approximately.

(c) & (d): NAB 2008 was a conference-cum-exhibition which exhibited latest innovation in Broadcast Technology and equipments. News correspondents did not accompany, as normally AIR and Doordarshan do not cover such International shows.

(e): The details of foreign tours/deputations undertaken by the officers of Prasar Bharati, AIR and Doordarshan since 1st January, 2007 is as annexed.